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The Honorable Robert C. Seamans, Jr. Administrator Energy Research and Development Administration Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Bob:

Thanks much for your comments regarding the restructuring of the USIB and its related functions.

While we have not yet settled on the form I am persuaded of the positive value of having a forum where the senior members of the intelligence community can meet on a regular basis to discuss and work out mutual problems.

We will be discussing proposals for the follow-on to USIB with General Giller and the rest of the USIB Principals at Board meetings in the near future.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Major General Edward B. Giller, USAF (Ret.) cc: Deputy Assistant Administrator for National Security

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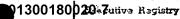
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Honorable George Bush Director, Central Intelligence Room 7D5607 Washington, D. C. 20505

Cerre Dear Mr.--Bush:

We are reviewing Executive Order 11905 on United States Foreign Intelligence Activities for its impact on the Energy Research and Development Administration's intelligence role. We note the United States Intelligence Board is abolished by the Executive Order which is a matter of special interest to ERDA.

In trying to interface our expertise in energy and nuclear weapon matters with the requirements of the Intelligence Community, ERDA found the USIB a very useful mechanism which provided a beneficial forum in which ERDA was represented. While ERDA participation at the USIB was not as active as that of the major Intelligence Community agencies, we believe the Board permitted us to play a constructive role in the intelligence process.

We are convinced there is still a need for some similar group or board in the formal structure which results from the current review of community organizations. We are not especially concerned with the mechanics or details of a new group and recognize that the requirements of the larger, primary agencies should determine the form. We would appreciate, however, that any restructuring permit accommodation of ERDA participation. Otherwise, we are concerned that ERDA would cease to be able to benefit from and contribute to discussions in a meaningful way.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Seamans, Jr. Administrator